HONORABLE RONALD B. LEIGHTON 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA 10 AURA ROSSI, 11 Case No. C07-5411 Plaintiff, 12 ORDER DENYING LAKEWOOD FIRE v. 13 DEPARTMENT, KARL ROTH, TED CITY OF LAKEWOOD, et al, THOMPSON, AND PAUL WEBB'S 14 MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO JOIN THE STATE OF Defendants. 15 WASHINGTON AS AN LAKEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT, et al, INDISPENSABLE PARTY 16 Third-Party Plaintiffs, 17 v. 18 CITY OF LAKEWOOD, a municipal 19 corporation of the State of Washington, 20 Third-Party Defendant. 21 THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the motion [Dkt. #43] of Defendant Lakewood Fire 22 Department ("LFD"), Karl Roth, Ted Thompson, and Paul Webb to Dismiss this matter for failure to join 23 the State of Washington and its agency, the Department of Social and Health Services ("DSHS"), as an 24 indispensable party under Rule 12(b)(7) and Rule 19. The Court has reviewed the materials supporting 25 and opposing the motion and has determined that the State of Washington is not an indispensable party. 26 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows: 27 28

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That the motion of defendants Lakewood Fire Department, Karl Roth, Ted Thompson and Paul Webb [Dkt. #43] to Dismiss this matter for failure to join the State of Washington and its agency, the Department of Social and Health Services ("DSHS"), as an indispensable party under Rule 12(b)(7) and Rule 19 is **DENIED.** IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008. UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE